IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kentaro KUBOTA et al.

Title: ZINC-BASED ALLOY ELECTROPLATED FILM

EXCELLENT IN CORROSION RESISTANCE AND PLATED

METAL MATERIAL USING THE SAME

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present National Stage Application, Applicants' respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: